

OBJECTIVES FOR THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY FOR FISCAL YEAR 1976

SUBSTANTIVE OBJECTIVES

Provide reliable and timely intelligence, including comprehensive assessments, in support of U.S. policy formulation, negotiations and operational decisions on the following priority topics:

1. Soviet policies, intentions and capabilities for execution of political, security and economic programs, including the dynamics of and factors affecting decision making by the Soviet leadership and composition of the leadership.
2. Major developments in Soviet military RDT&E and weapon systems deployment, and Soviet compliance with the Strategic Arms Limitation agreements, the Limited Test Ban Treaty, possible Mutual Balanced Force Reduction agreements, and the observance of cease fire/peace treaty arrangements.
3. Current and future Soviet capabilities and intentions to extend political influence and military power outside the USSR in areas of security and policy interest to the United States, with particular attention to the Middle East, to the NATO periphery of the USSR and to China.
4. Policies, intentions and capabilities of the People's Republic of China in key political, strategic military and economic areas which impact on important interests of the United States, its allies, the USSR, the rest of Asia and the more influential underdeveloped countries.
5. Political and security situations or crises significantly affecting U.S. interests or requiring U.S. action (e.g., changes in the politico/military situation in the Middle East, international hostilities not involving U.S. forces, or a coup against a government closely allied with the United States).
6. Major foreign economic developments relevant to U.S. international policy decisions and negotiations, particularly those related to energy resources problems, to the international monetary system and to the dynamics of economic policy formulation in [REDACTED]

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Substantive Objectives

Provide reliable and timely foreign intelligence reports, assessments, and estimates to the President and other policy formulation elements of the US Government on the following priority topics:

1. Soviet policies, intentions, and capabilities for the execution of political, security and economic programs, with particular reference to:

a. changes in Soviet leadership and the dynamics of and factors affecting Soviet decision making.

b. major developments in Soviet military RDT&E and weapon systems deployment.

c. Soviet compliance with the Strategic Arms Limitation agreements, the Limited Test Ban Treaty, possible Mutual Balanced Force Reduction agreements, and the observance of cease-fire or peace treaty arrangements; Soviet perception of US and Allied negotiating positions and force capabilities with respect to these issues.

d. Soviet extension of political influence and military power outside of the USSR, particularly to the Middle East, the NATO periphery of the USSR and China.

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2. Policies, intentions, decision making processes, and capabilities of the People's Republic of China in key political, military and economic areas which impact on important interests of the United States, its allies, the USSR, the rest of Asia and the more influential underdeveloped countries.

3. Politico/military developments in potentially volatile international situations of high strategic concern to the US-- particularly in the Middle East, including both the Arab-Israeli confrontation and relations among the Persian Gulf littoral states; Greece, Turkey and Cyprus; Portugal, Spain, Italy and Yugoslavia; and Southeast Asia.

4. Major developments in the capability, policies, or weaponry of foreign states affecting their capability to conduct theater nuclear warfare. Major developments in nuclear proliferation among foreign states.

5. Major foreign economic developments relevant to US international policy decisions and negotiations, particularly those related to energy and food resources, to the international monetary system and to the dynamics of economic policy formulation

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